

MAY 3, 2010 MAYOR ELECTION RESULTS

Michael Callahan	670
Dr. Thomas Foley	104
Micah Watson	414

COUNCILMEMBER CANDIDATES

The Mayor and Town Council are seeking interested residents of Ward 1 and Ward 5 to complete the remainder of the term (May, 2011). Interested persons should submit a Letter of Interest and a Resume to the Cheverly Town Clerk, 6401 Forest Rd. Applicants must be registered voters, 21 years of age and have lived in the Town for a minimum of 6 months.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor and Town Council will be conducting a public hearing at the June Town Meeting on June 10th at 8 pm in the Cheverly Community Center for the purpose of obtaining public input for the proposed installation of a speed hump in the 6500 block of Oak Street.



Clerk of the Court Lorraine Nicely swears in newly elected Mayor Michael Callahan



Former Mayor Alan Dwyer 1985-1992, former Mayor Larry Beyna 1992-2004, former Mayor Julia Mosley 2004-2010 and Mayor Michael Callahan 2010-?

SPECIAL NOTICE

Effective Friday, May 21, 2010, the Cheverly Police Department will employ speed-enforcement camera systems throughout the Town's specifically identified school zones. The purpose of these speed enforcement cameras is to significantly increase pedestrian and bicycle safety and to further create an environment where school-based activities can securely transition into Cheverly neighborhoods to the benefit of the entire community. The initial 30-day period use of these speed-enforcement cameras will result in the issuance of Warnings only in conformance with Maryland law.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

by Mayor Mike Callahan

Call 301-773-0248 to contact the Mayor. The Mayor's door at the Community Center is open to visitors on Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 PM, except holidays or if otherwise posted.

I am happy to continue the tradition of using the Town's Newsletter as a vehicle for keeping residents aware of what's happening in town. I recently had the pleasure to speak with a group of Boy Scouts in town regarding citizenship. We agreed that "being informed" was the key to being a good citizen – because only an informed resident can participate. So I will work hard to communicate what's happening, and I invite each and every resident of Cheverly to share their thoughts and opinions with their Council person and me.

Council Vacancies: We currently have two council seats open, and I'd encourage any resident of Ward 1 and Ward 5 to consider applying (see cover page). Working on the Town Council provides an opportunity to influence the services provided by our town and county as witnessed by recent decisions to implement new speed limits, a speed camera program and mandatory recycling. If you want to be involved in topics such as these, or issues like the ones outlined in the rest of my FYI please consider applying. I believe you will enjoy working with your fellow council members to effect policy in Cheverly.

Fire Service in Cheverly: Late last year, County Councilwoman Andrea Harrison and Fire Chief Eugene Jones attended a televised Town Council meeting to discuss the future of the Tuxedo/Cheverly Fire Station. Their message was clear, unless funding for the Fire Department changed dramatically, the Tuxedo/Cheverly Station would be closed and the career force stationed there would be redeployed throughout the county. The majority of staff would go to the new station being erected near St Joseph's Church on route 202.

Their rationale was: 1) the county population is growing outside the beltway and fire stations are needed there, 2) the Chief only had the ability to move career staff, 3) Cheverly would still have three excellent volunteer departments to serve our needs (Kentland, Chapel Oaks, and Bladensburg), and 4) emergency response to Cheverly's residents would be unchanged.

The Town Council did not concur, but by December of 2009 the county began rotating the career staff out of the Tuxedo/Cheverly station to other stations a couple of days a week and closing our station on those days. To date we have not heard of any issues regarding the quality or timeliness of service from the Volunteer Departments that are now primarily serving us.

Recently another issue has surfaced. The Bladensburg VFD asked the Cheverly, Bladensburg and Edmonston

Town Councils to pass a resolution allowing them to "bill for service" when answering emergency fire calls inside their municipalities. Today Prince George's county policy is to charge for all ambulance services, but not other emergency services. Earlier this year from January to March, Bladensburg VFD did charge for service but was instructed by the county to stop doing so. We have met multiple times with Bladensburg VFD personnel and understand why they feel it is necessary to institute a "bill for service" policy. Their equipment is aging and vehicle maintenance and replacement increases their costs at the same time revenue sources are dwindling. The Volunteer Departments receive minimal support from the county and yet without the Volunteer Departments the Career Departments would be overwhelmed. Bladensburg VFD attended the April 8th Town Council meeting to address this plan and the Town Council discussed this proposal in detail at the April 22nd work session and May 13th town meeting.

Their proposal is straight forward:

Cheverly would pass a resolution allowing Bladensburg VFD to bill for fire services;
Bladensburg VFD would bill a resident's insurance company. Any portion of the fee that goes unpaid by the insurance company would then be remitted to the resident.
However, if the resident does not pay it would not be sent to collections;
Bladensburg VFD is pursuing the same arrangement with Edmonston and Bladensburg (no response yet).

Issues /Questions raised by council:

Cheverly residents served by Bladensburg VFD would pay a "Service Fee" as well as their county taxes, while residents in other parts of the county simply pay taxes;
Cheverly residents served by other departments would not be billed a "Service Fee";
Questions were raised about impacts to insurance premiums for residents. Fees would be based on amount of service provided, no standard fee schedule;
Cheverly represents less than 5% of the Bladensburg VFD call volume, so we would not fix their revenue issue by passing this resolution.

The closing of the Tuxedo/Cheverly station has not affected our quality of service, but has indeed affected how we pay for that service.

While the Town Council is tremendously concerned about the funding issue at Bladensburg VFD, we feel this is a county issue that needs county level solutions. The county needs to identify a solution that has every tax payer treated equally. The Town Council has drafted a letter to all county officials demanding a solution that provides quality fire service and a unified policy for billing across the county.

Upcoming Work Session Topics: As any of the three candidates for Mayor will attest some of the most common questions asked by residents are; What can we do about speeding? Can we do something to benefit the teens in our community? What can we do to address the noise issues; booms, helicopters and traffic? How do we allow more residents the opportunity to utilize Town Hall? The good news is that these topics are either currently being addressed or will be topics at upcoming council work sessions.

Speed Cameras: In mid-May the town began its Speed Camera Program. Warnings will be issued for the first 30 days, but by mid-June tickets valued at \$40 will be issued. Mobile cameras can be placed anywhere within a half mile of a school, which means almost anywhere in town. The town is currently awaiting approval from the state to place cameras on Route 202. Vehicles travelling 12mph over the limit will receive a ticket if caught on camera. So please watch your speed here in town. You may be irritated by the possibility of a ticket, but most Cheverly residents are irritated by speeding on their streets. Remember the generalized Speed Limit in town is currently 20 mph unless specifically marked otherwise.

Youth Program: The Town Council has approved a Request for Proposal (RFP) asking for program concepts for teens in our community. The council has long discussed providing a program targeted at teens, but has been stymied by questions such as: who specifically is the target audience; what resources are available to assist us; and who is capable of providing these services. The RFP is available at our town office and has been advertised in the Washington Post. Responses to the RFP are due on June 12th, at which time the responses will be evaluated. A special thanks to Councilman Eldridge who developed the initial draft of the RFP.

Booms: This topic was frequently raised during the recent campaign for Mayor. Candidates and residents had many ideas on how to proceed. Tom Foley suggested that we offer a reward for any information that led directly to the identification of the source of these “explosions”. Councilmember Watson suggested that we explore new technologies for identifying the source. In our next work session we will do a quick review of the current camera based program and discuss how to execute these new ideas.

Urban Wildlife: Cheverly has become home to a number of different animal friends. We have deer in Euclid Park and Lower Beaverdam Park, we have seen turkeys strolling on our streets and recently tales of foxes walking through town have become commonplace. I believe most residents are excited to have these new friends, although I don't relish having deer eating my vegetables. However, some residents have expressed concern, so the Council will be invit-

ing an urban wildlife expert to an upcoming meeting to better understand any issues we should be aware of. Watch your cable network or newsletter for an announcement of the date.

Use of Town Hall: The Town Council will soon be discussing the Town Hall building use policy. In a recent meeting the Council unanimously agreed that the building use policy should be reviewed and updated to allow more citizen organizations access to the facility. We expect that the policy will be based upon the guidelines developed when we updated the Newsletter policy.



Pictured: former Mayor Julia Mosley, Vice Mayor Micah Watson, Former Vice Mayor and United States Army Veteran Vincent Ford, and Steve Brennan representing Cheverly's American Legion Post 108. Mr. Brennan presented the beautifully framed flag, which was flown over the United States Pentagon, to the Town at the March Town meeting. Great things are happening at the Cheverly Legion—go to their link on the Cheverly web site.

***Cheverly* RECREATION COUNCIL**

is proud to sponsor the *John Dent Wilson College Scholarship*. This is a \$500 scholarship awarded to a Cheverly Resident who is enrolled full-time in an academic or vocational post-secondary education program for the 2010-2011 academic year. For information call Judy Deleonibus 301-386-4251 or judydeleon@aol.com

Tight fitting lids

Have you ever sat down in front of your computer or grabbed the actual printed book to read some of the ordinances found in the Town's code? Yes? No? Have better things to read that will put you to sleep? I fully understand your predicament; nevertheless, these regulations do help us all live responsibly to each other within our community. These ordinances are designed to safeguard the lives of our residents, visitors, guests, their health, the value of our community's real estate and how we are viewed and valued in Prince Georges County, the State and even the Nation. These ordinances are essential and not arbitrary and they effectively and without a doubt bring harmony and value to our community. An example of such ordinances read:

Sec. 10-6. Garbage and trash receptacles and collection generally. In addition to recycling bins and other receptacles containing recyclables each residence shall maintain a suitable metal or plastic container that is intact and without holes, not to exceed thirty-two (32) gallons' capacity covered with a **tight-fitting intact lid...** If these bins, recyclables, and containers are kept on the outside of the building at any other times, they should be placed to the rear of the front building line and in the case of trash containers kept covered with a tight-fitting intact lid.

Purposively "**tight fitting intact lid**" has a larger font in this article. You see quite often this fact goes unnoticed by many residents. Yet this is a significant individual and community rodent prevention piece in which everyone can participate. With a tight fitting lid we lend a hand to ourselves and others in the control of rodents, and other similar disease carrying animals from our community.

Tight fitting lids on refuse containers prevent varmints from finding a food source in your back yard and our community. **Tight fitting lids**, besides being the law of the Town can help us prevent birds from spilling refuse all over the Town's sidewalks, alleys, parks, and roads.

Please look at your refuse containers today and ensure that they never look like this:



Let us all do our part to keep and maintain our Town Clean



Cheverly RECREATION COUNCIL -

There is no meeting in June, our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 28, at 7 PM in the conference room of the Community Center. In place of a meeting, we will have our annual family picnic at Jug Bay in July. Have a wonderful summer and think about coming to our September meeting

RESIDENTIAL BUSINESS LICENSES

If you are currently operating a business out of your home, you are required to obtain a **Town Residential Business License**.

Home occupations are under (Chapter 9-of Town Code) and (subtitle 27-of the Prince George's County Code) and do not include any retail business or trade, etc.

Town Residential Business Licenses are issued annually for the Fiscal Year (July 1 to June 30). Please call the Town Clerk at 301-773-8360 or stop by the Town Office to pick up an application form. *The yearly business license fee is \$20.*

CHEVERLY RENTAL LICENSES

All single-family, multi-family, and roomer rental dwellings in Cheverly are required by Chapter 5 of the Town Code to obtain a **Cheverly Rental Housing License**. Licenses are issued annually for the Fiscal Year (July 1 to June 30). Call the Code Enforcement Office at 301-341-1055 for an application. *The yearly rental license fee is \$40.*

NOTE: *Failure to comply with Town Code licensing laws can result in a fine.*

MONTHLY E-CYCLING DATA

April - 6 pallots - 1,937 lbs

May - 5 pallots - 881 lbs



ACTIONS TAKEN

Votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Town Meeting - May 13, 2010

- ❑ Motion CM Tevault to table Ordinance O-5-10 Amending the Urban Renewal Plan for one month. Seconded CM Schachter. Approved 3-0. Mayor Callahan cast the 4th affirmative vote.
- ❑ Motion CM Watson to table Resolution R-6-10 Allowing Volunteer Fire Dept. billing for fire services to be considered at the July Town Meeting. Seconded CM Eldridge. Approved 4-0
- ❑ Motion CM Eldridge to adopt Ordinance O-3-10 Amending Personnel Section regarding Leave. Seconded CM Tevault. Approved 4-0
- ❑ Motion CM Schachter that the Town authorize the three Memorandum of Understanding agreements between the State of Maryland and the Cheverly Police Department. Seconded CM Watson. Approved 4-0

TENTATIVE AGENDAS

Worksession - May 27, 2010

Meeting Agendas are updated on the website: on Cheverly cable Channel 71 and www.cheverly-md.gov

Town Meetings broadcast LIVE on Cable 71 & Fios 35. Rebroadcast every day at Noon, 6 PM and 10 PM.

VACATIONS & HOME SECURITY:

Residents planning to be away for vacations should call the Cheverly Police (**301-341-1055**) to arrange to have their homes checked while they are gone.

The following items should also be checked to make sure your residence is safe and looks as much as possible like someone is there:

- Cancel newspaper & mail delivery or have a neighbor pick it up for you.
- Arrange for lawn care.
- Valuables should be stored, preferably in a bank.
- Store lawn mowers, bicycles, and lawn furniture inside.
- Lights inside the house should be set on a timer.
- Set telephone bells as low as possible.
- Shades and drapes should be drawn.
- Cars left in the driveway should be locked.
- Make sure smoke detectors are working.
- All windows and doors should be locked.
- Give your house key & itinerary to at least one friend or neighbor.

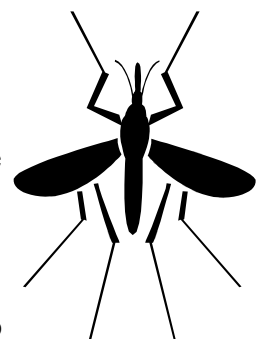
Need help with YARD WORK? To assist our elderly, and other residents who need help with yard work, Cheverly maintains this list of teenagers who are interested in being hired for cutting grass, raking leaves, shoveling snow, etc.

Xavier Pinkney	240-478-4622
Dorian Dixon	301-322-1075
Max Allegra	301-322-4952
Jake Allegra	301-322-4952
James Porcari	301-341-2471
Xavier Milam	301-583-1028
Emmanuel Mitchell	301-773-6863
John Pooley	301-537-6819
Andrew Teel	301-386-0049
Ben Hartmann	301-772-6596
Byron Bamigbade	301-583-1028
Andrew Priest	301-772-6028
Ashley Priest	301-772-6028
Malik McAdoo	301-864-0735
Tyreq McAdoo	301-864-0735
James Kernan	301-772-6553
Ian Sullivan	301-341-05284
Jack Alkire	301-772-0110
Jeyrell Holbert	301-772-6160
Nicholas Lal	301-773-0635

Cheverly teenagers can call the town office at 773-8360 if they wish to add their names to this list.

NEWS FROM THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE MOSQUITO CONTROL SECTION -

The Town is scheduled for random mosquito spraying again this year. Spraying for adult mosquitoes will be based strictly on results from standardized surveillance methods. It is your responsibility to notify the Public Works Department of any mosquito swarming. Please note the time of day and location. If we do not receive complaints, we may not receive the surveillance. Please help us deal with the mosquito problem.



Community Bulletin Board

CHEVERLY GREEN HOME AND GARDEN TOUR

Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 13 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. A reception will follow from 4:30 to 5:30pm. This year the tour will be self-guided so you can visit the sites that interest you most. The Tour starts (and ends) at the Community Center where you can pick up a brochure with a map of the sites and descriptions. We have some wonderful homes that will demonstrate what Cheverly homeowners have done with solar heating and electricity, permeable driveways, native gardens, and the latest energy efficient foam attic insulation. In addition, we will include sites showcasing community gardens, recycling and composting. A \$5 donation is suggested to help defray costs and includes a raffle ticket to win a free compost bin (drawing at the reception after the tour). The tour is hosted by the Cheverly Conservation Alliance, made up of Progressive Cheverly, the Cheverly Garden Club, and the Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek. If you have questions, contact Dave Kneipp at kcandave@verizon.net.

WOMAN'S CLUB - As I begin to write this article for the June newsletter, Peace Month is half over. When you read it, Peace Month 2010 will be finished and in the history books. We'd like to thank the Town Council, every person and organization who participated in any way to help make the month so very successful. We thank you whether you worked on peace quietly within yourself and your family or out in public by hosting an activity or event. We hope you did both and will continue to make peace a significant part of your daily life. One of the important highlights of this year's Peace Month has been the focus on language. We all need to work on the use of language as a step to peace. We need to focus on our choice of words to promote peace and the culture of peace we all want. An example of using words in better ways is the word "fight". We often say, "I'm fighting for something" when we really mean, "I'm working for or advocating for...". Let's say what we really mean and what will give the effective result. We've begun this conversation with some of our locally elected officials and encourage you to continue. We urge you to keep up the work to develop greater peace within yourself so we can all enjoy the benefits of greater peace in our lives in the days to come.



CHEVERLY SOCCER CLUB

Heads up! The 2010 edition of the CSC Challenger Soccer Camp will be held June 21-25 at Town Park. With the most popular sporting event on the planet, the World Cup of Soccer, being held at the same time, kids will love Challenger's version of the World Cup tournament, a featured camp activity. Information and online registration are available through the Club's web site: www.cheverlysoccerclub.com. Parents interested in participating in some capacity: camp monitor, planner, host family for one of the British coaches, are invited to contact Camp Director Jennifer Allegro (301.322.4952). Hosts and camp helpers are compensated for their time.

CUB SCOUTS are for boys grades 1-5. We do lots of fun activities, learn outdoor skills and have many fun adventures. Boys participate in their grade level dens and meet every Friday here in Cheverly at either Hoyer ECC or Cheverly United Methodist Church. Pack meetings with all the dens and families are held the third Tuesday of each month from 7-8 pm at American Legion Hall in Cheverly. We're proud to have our American Legion Post 108 as our Pack sponsor. Contact Membership Chair Caroline Jarboe at 301-322-4241 for more information. We hope to welcome you into Pack 257! CM Micah Watson, Pack Committee Member.

THE PLANNING BOARD invites those interested in town planning efforts to get involved by joining the Board. If you are interested, please email Jeremy Coon at jeremy.coon1@gmail.com. Another option for getting involved in county development efforts is to participate in "Envision Prince George's" events. Attendance at these events has been very good and participants have shown high energy for improving our county. From such events, several Community Action Teams have been formed to address Goals and to develop strategies around six Envision Quality of Life Areas: Live, Work, Learn, Serve, Enjoy, and Sustain. These teams are seeking involvement.

Learn more at: <http://envisionprincegeorges.org>

Community Bulletin Board

PROGRESSIVE CHEVERLY - Thursday, June 3, 7:00 pm. **Meet the candidates for 47th District State Senate seat** -- Confirmed participants: Incumbent David Harrington and challenger Victor Ramirez. Cafeteria of the Hoyer Early Childhood Learning Center, [2300 Belleview Avenue](#).

Sunday, June 13, 1-4 pm. **Cheverly Green Home & Garden Tour**. "What *does* go on back there?" On this day you can see what some of your green-minded neighbors are up to – and not feel like a snoop. See details elsewhere in this newsletter, under Cheverly Conservation Alliance, of which Progressive Cheverly is a member. Sunday, June 27, 3 pm to 6 pm, **Picnic in the Park**. Cheverly Town Park, that is (Forest Road down from the Community Center). Progressive Cheverly members, neighbors and friends are all welcome. Please bring a dish to share. The grills will be fired up (weather permitting), so bring grill items for yourself and guests. Your hosts will provide ice, beverages (non-alcoholic), and paper products. RSVPs appreciated by June 25 at chair@progressivecheverly.org.

Monthly membership meetings, first Thursdays, will resume in September. Over the Summer, visit our website for news and updates, to get on the Progressive Cheverly email list, and to follow activities related to the Fall elections.

CHEVERLY COMMUNITY MARKET -

Join us for a Special Market on Saturday June 12th from 8am to noon, on Cheverly Avenue near Legion Park. Connect with your neighbors, shop for fruit and vegetables, fresh from local farms and reduce the weekend shopping runaround at the same time. Find all your favorite Summer produce from tomatoes to berries - add meat, eggs, cheese, Martha's jams, bread, pastries and more. **Running Hare Vineyard** will be our featured Maryland winery. On June 26, you'll find us back at the Community Center. Mark your calendars now and see you there. For more information, visit us at www.cheverlycommunitymarket.com

THE CHEVERLY GARDEN CLUB

would like to thank everyone who helped to make our May plant sale a huge success. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

On June 21st, the Club will continue its annual "Flowers for Shut-Ins" service project, delivering a bit of horticultural cheer to our homebound community members. If you would like to nominate a Cheverly neighbor to receive one of our flower arrangements, please contact Michael Giese, club president, at 301-773-7318 or mg9588a@msn.com, or Tom Foley, at 301-773-6894, with the name and address. Someone must be at home on June 21st to receive the arrangement. While gardening will certainly continue, the Garden Club takes a "summer vacation" for July and August. Our next regular meeting will be September 20th. Have a great summer!



CHEVERLY DAY PARADE NEXT YEAR

THANK YOU to the neighbors, volunteers and Town staff who made Cheverly Day 2010 a huge success. Our community – and our annual community day – is great because of what you do. You can view photos and learn more at www.cheverlyday.com.

The planning for Cheverly Day 2011 has already begun. We're celebrating the Town's 80th birthday with a week-end of festivities including a PARADE, the dance, the Cicada Crunch, live music, games and of course fireworks. WE NEED A PARADE CHAIR as soon as possible to begin lining up marching bands, groups, etc., so PLEASE VOLUNTEER NOW. We're looking at Saturday, May 21, 2011 for the date. That's the weekend before Memorial Day Weekend. If you know of a major conflict, or have a better idea, please let us know ASAP because we'll select the 2011 date in the next few weeks. Nick, 301-341-2656, nick@cheverlyday.com.

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Ward 5:
Ward 6: Emily Tevault 301-583-0733

Town Offices: (Mon-Fri, 9AM-5PM)

Administration 301-773-8360
Police Admin & Code Enforcement 301-341-1055
Public Works (M-F: 7:30-4) 301-773-2666
Maryland Relay 711
FAX 301-773-0173
If you need a Police Officer call: 301-333-4000

WEB SITE: www.Cheverly-md.gov

e-mail: "Contact the Town" button at the Website

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The Town of Cheverly does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or sexual orientation.. If you are a person with a disability (vision, hearing, or speech impairment) and wish to participate in Town activities or programs, please contact the Town Office at 773-8360 (voice) or the Maryland Relay System at 711.

Meetings & Events

Tue	June 8	7:00 PM	Planning Board Meeting
Thurs	June 10	8:00 PM	TOWN MEETING
Thurs	June 24	7:30 PM	WORKSESSION
Mon	July 5		INDEPENDENCE DAY
			(Offices closed)

REC COUNCIL - Men's Soccer Group Wed's. 5:00 PM

CHEVERLY WEBSITE— cheverly-md.gov

You can easily contact the Mayor and Council through their town email accounts. There are also links at the Mayor and Council page of the website.

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Councilmemberward6@cheverly-md.gov

TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

MON	Town Wide	YARD WASTE
MON	East side	Regular Garbage Pickup only
TUE	West side	Regular Garbage Pickup only
WED	Town wide	RECYCLING (blue or yellow bins)
THU	East side	Garbage & SPECIAL TRASH (at curb)
FRI	West side	Garbage & SPECIAL TRASH (at curb)

BAMBOO is picked up with Thurs/Fri Special Trash

Residents should place trash at the curb after 7:00 PM the day before pickup. Trash must be placed in cans with tight fitting lids to ward off rodents.

HOLIDAYS? Public Works crews DO NOT work on holidays. Collections on holidays are **CANCELLED**.

ELECTRONICS - are picked up on Wednesday with recycling.